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ing step. She made for an old, disused shed, almost hidden by trees. Mrs. Spencer, panting and afraid, came up as she did.

"What if she's got a tramp in there an's made it up with him to rob us?" she thought, fearfully.

It was some time before she could bring herself to part the trees and look inside. The child was in plain view, but she would not reach the child for some time, so eloquent was the little face. A lame rooster hopped back and forth, eating the crumbs from her hand. When they were finished he hopped up to her knee.

A sound made Mrs. Spencer turn, and she saw her husband as he came. Her husband approached. They stood together

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### Heads Quartermaster's Department

Col. Frank L. Donny of the 1st

Corps, recently relieved from duty at San Francisco, has been placed in charge of the quartermaster's department, with headquarters in this city. He will be in charge of the medical examining board recently organized, and will be actively at it in the duties of that office.



THEIR KNEES TREMBLED UNDER THEM.

"They'll say, 'Little lame ones, you kids stay together all day, 'cause you've got no name.' They'll love us more'n any other school," Will kiss 'em. We won't say a word."

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer clasped hands and hurried away. Their knees trembled beneath them.

"Miranda," the man said, "we've committed a terrible sin. The lonesome mite told her I was going to kill that rooster for her. He disappeared."

"I can't forget it," Mrs. Spencer cried softly. "We didn't understand," she said. "One of the boys said that that old Benjamin told you that he was going to kill the rooster. You think it would be a good plan to have the aunt come here—come here to live?"

He patted her hand. "Yes," he answered. "An' if an operation'll be needed, I'll put up for it. We must make these months up to Susan."

**Leads Quartermaster's Department.**  
Col. Frank L. Denny of the Marine Corps, recently relieved from duty at San Francisco, has been placed in charge of the quartermaster's department of the Marine Corps at headquarters in this city. A medical examining board recently reported that he was physically fit to perform the duties of that office.